

Domestic *Preparedness*

Are We Prepared? . . .

To respond to the needs of potential casualties of an event involving weapons of mass destruction – (nuclear, biological, chemical agents)?

What: An 8-hour Domestic Preparedness Program (DPP) Course for Hospital Providers that brings national experts in recognition and treatment of injuries and illnesses caused by exposure to radiological, chemical or biological agents. The Hospital Provider course is advanced-level instruction for emergency physicians and nurses, safety officers, emergency response personnel and disaster response planners.

**CMEs will be awarded to qualified individuals:
Physicians 7 Nurses 8.4**

Where: Stratton VA Medical Center
113 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12208
3rd Floor Auditorium

When: January 16, 2001 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

How: Paul D. Kim, MD
Stratton VAMC
Email: Paul.Kim@med.va.gov to register. *Limited seating available. First come first served.*

Who: Instructor information available on request.

Cost: Free



This VA Medical Center and our community are being offered this one-time opportunity to participate in a course that has been conducted at major cities throughout the United States. The course is offered through an agreement of the VA's Emergency Management Strategic Healthcare Group, VA Employee Education Service in Washington, DC and the US Army Medical Command.



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Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Hospital Provider Course

The Domestic Preparedness Hospital Provider course is designed to train medical professionals in the fields of nuclear, biological and chemical casualty care. Instructed by physicians experienced in these fields, this eight-hour course is designed to provide trainers with the knowledge to conduct their own internal training on care of patients exposed to these specialized weapons of mass destruction.



The Hospital Provider course is advanced-level instruction for emergency physicians and nurses, hospital administrators involved in disaster response planning, and other

healthcare providers. Training consists of lectures, multimedia presentations and scenario-based discussion.

The objective of this course is to enable participants to teach the technical medical aspects of nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) incident casualty care, as well as the defensive actions required to protect medical personnel, facilities, and the community.



The training includes:

- The Threat of NBC Terrorism
- Chemical Casualty Care
- Biological Casualty Care
- Nuclear or Radiological Casualty Care
- Special Hospital Considerations in NBC Terror Events

Physicians receive 7.0 Continuing Medical Education Units and nurses receive 8.4 Continuing Education Units for this training.

- ❖ The U.S. Army Medical Command is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.
- ❖ The U.S. Army Medical Command designates this educational activity for up to 7 hours in category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.
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